GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

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MARINE PRODUCTS FROM ANDHRA PRADESH
AMBATI BRAHMANAIAH

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether railways are aware that road transport in Andhra Pradesh is the main carrier of marine products to the Eastern parts of the country;

(b) whether the Railways have conducted any study of the potential of rail traffic which is likely to be generated by transporting marine products from the coastal districts of Andhra Pradesh;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the steps likely to be initiated by railways to obtain a portion of the transportation of marine products from Andhra Pradesh ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINIST RAILWAYS (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL)

(a) Yes,Sir.

(b) & (c):A survey conducted in the coastal area of Andhra Pradesh has revealed that about 10% to 15% of the total volume of marine products on offer is transported by Railways.

(d) The marine products from Andhra Pradesh offered for transportation by rail are presently cleared in the brake vans (SLRs) and parcel vans (VPs) of Mail/ Express/ Passenger trains.